

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that Claim 9 is clear and is in proper form, as originally submitted. However, in order to expedite prosecution and to satisfy the Examiner, Claim 9 has been amended to further clarify the claim in accordance with the recommendations of the Examiner and not for purposes related to the statutory provisions for patentability. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-8 and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by Parsa et al.(U.S. 6,480,525) and Claims 9-16 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Parsa et al.

Parsa et al. was filed November 29, 1999, after the priority date of July 7, 1999 of the above-identified application. Attached herewith is a Verified English translation of priority Korean Application No. 27166/1999 from which it is clearly seen that the priority Korean Application constitutes an enabling disclosure of the invention claimed herein. It is also noted that a certified copy of the Priority Document was submitted with the application as filed.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. §2136.03, it is respectfully submitted that Parsa et al. has been eliminated as a reference against the present application. Therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) and §103 has been rendered moot.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the earliest convenience to discuss the present application.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul J. Farrell", is written over a horizontal line.

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